

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee – August 14, 2009

Chair Bonne Morris called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Bonnie Morris (Chair)
Paul Decker
Jean Tortomasi

John Pledl
Dave Falstad
Peter Wolff (arrived at 9:30 a.m.)

Absent:

Kathleen Cummings

Also Present:

Captain Charles Wood
Captain Kevin McDonald
Sheriff Dan Trawicki
Business Manager Tom Koth
Computer Coordinator Zack Tremaine
Legislative Policy Advisor Ann Olson

Architectural Services Manager Dennis Cerreta
Circuit Court Services Business Manager Bob Snow
Financial Analyst Lyndsay Johnson
Inspector Steve Marks
Correctional Facility Manager Meg Schnabl

Approval of Minutes – July 17, 2009

MOTION: Tortomasi moved, Decker second, to approve the minutes of July 17, 2009. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports from Committee Member Liaisons

Tortomasi said she working on the RFP to find a new CAD system. She is concerned none of the companies will be able to handle Waukesha County's grid address system and will over promise and under deliver. She will not support a new system if it will not make a significant difference.

Falstad said he attended last month's WCA's Judicial and Public Safety Committee meeting which focused on legislative activity. Of the \$70 million counties stand to lose from the state budget, WCA feels they will be successful at limiting and/or improving the losses through their lobbying efforts. Many people are discouraged.

Future Agenda Items

- Incidents of juvenile crime and arrests.

Future Meeting Dates

- September 11, 2009

Presentation: Drug Use in Waukesha County

Wood distributed and reviewed the Metro Drug Enforcement Unit's 2008 annual report, mid-year evaluation January 1 – June 30, 2009 and a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article titled *Waukesha County Officers Discover Large-Scale Marijuana Growing Operation*. He explained that the way the Metro Unit did business in the 1990s is dramatically different from today. The organization has consistently set new records for drug and asset seizures over the last six years. The statistics are good for justifying the existence of the organization but not necessarily positive for the community. The types of preferred drugs have changed in the last two years from high quality marijuana and cocaine to an explosion in pharmaceuticals. Almost half of the cases are opiate/heroin based. There has also been an increase in overdose deaths including some from drug cocktails. The ages of offenders has decreased with many stealing from family and friends and doing anything to support their habits. Waukesha County has a drug problem that usually does not paint itself publicly unless there is an overdose death.

Falstad said because of emphasis on illegal pharmaceuticals, has the notion of the dealer changed? Are there fewer dealers? Wood said our goal is to target mid to high level dealers. With doctors and

pharmacists selling drugs and people making their own prescriptions pads or stealing them, the chain between the supplier and user is substantially shortened. The number of targets increases but it is difficult to say how high they are in the supply chain.

Pledl said in the early 1990s, the Metro Unit did a lot of heavy undercover work in bars. Has that changed? Wood said the program changed and grew up. The old way was not wrong, there is a better way to do business. Currently the unit spends ten hours per year in bars and only at the request of an agency or police chief. Working in bars is not productive. Real deals occur Monday through Friday while the sun is up. Marks said Sheriff Trawicki had a significant role in reprioritizing of unit toward bigger dealers.

Morris asked if a bar owner requested an undercover officer, would you send one? Wood said they would if they thought it was a legitimate case. Our greatest successes come from using motivated informants. Decker asked why would someone be an informant? Wood explained that some do it to decrease their charges while others are jilted spouses and ex-lovers, friends, family, annoyed by a person bragging too much, etc.

Tortomasi asked if the programs work in conjunction with the schools providing drug presentations to teachers and administrators? Wood said he works with staff from Kettle Moraine, Arrowhead, Elmbrook, Hartland Lakeside, etc. and responds whenever asked.

Pledl asked with the current budget situation, have any departments mentioned cutting back their participation in the program? Wood said it would be a problem if we lost people and that concerns him. He is working to grow the unit. Pledl asked has Oconomowoc ever been involved? Wood said Oconomowoc has been supportive with personnel but has not given any indication they want to join. Falstad and Morris agreed to approach Oconomowoc.

Morris said why is meth not on the list of popular drugs in Waukesha County? Wood said Waukesha County currently does not have a meth problem. The drug is mass produced in Mexico and will soon hit the streets hard.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 164-O-038: Accept 2009 U.S. Department Of Justice, Bureau Of Justice Assistance Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Award And Modify Waukesha County Sheriff Department's 2009 Budget To Authorize Grant Expenditures
Trawicki and Koth presented the ordinance. The ordinance authorizes the Sheriff's Department to accept and appropriate an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant award of \$18,619. The grant award to Waukesha County is being presented in collaboration with Byrne Grant awards to City of Waukesha, City of Brookfield, City of New Berlin and Village of Menomonee Falls totaling \$140,708 and administered by the City of Waukesha.

The Byrne grant will be used to work with the Public Policy Forum (PPF) to provide 20 hours per month of technical assistance to the CJCC from September 1, 2009 – August 30, 2012 including criminal justice research, analysis and evaluation activities of the CJCC programs in Waukesha County. The 20 hours per month includes ten additional hours of free labor by the PPF. The CJCC will administer and oversee work by the PPF. Waukesha County's portion will be accepted by the Sheriff's Department because the grant is only awarded to law enforcement agencies.

Tortotomasi asked why is the City of Waukesha the administrator of the grant? Trawicki said the grant had to be a collaborative effort and the City of Waukesha initiated it.

MOTION: Tortomasi moved, Decker second, to approve Ordinance 164-O-038. Motion carried 5-0.

Peter Wolff arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Courthouse Secure Inmate Movement Update

Cerreta distributed and reviewed a schematic and artistic rendering of the pending secured corridor project. He said the project is currently on schedule and budget. The timeline is as follows: drawings complete in 60 days, bids out in January 2010, construction begins spring 2010 and project completion by the end of 2010. He is not happy with the current design and wants to make it less obtrusive and more interesting. Cerreta will return to the committee once the bidding process is complete.

Pledl suggested adding more glass to the secure corridor making it less of an eyesore. Tortomasi is also not happy with look of the corridor but understands the area will not be in public view. Morris asked if the issues in Judge Davis' courtroom had been solved? Cerreta explained that benches will be remodeled and a wall will be installed in that courtroom making possible for prisoners to enter by the windows.

Presentation: Security Incident Report/Updating Database

Snow said an internal web based application was built and posted on the intranet to track statistical information on incidents and security requests in the Courthouse. With the help of a projector and screen, Tremaine gave committee members a tour of the application. Snow explained the different types of data captured including incident type, service type, location of incident, weapons or contraband found and threat level. He also reviewed the available reports which are used to help make informed decisions: campus-wide activity and incident type summary, service type summary, location of incident, injuries, weapons, illegal substance or contraband noted, and security activity by threat level. Users can run reports by date according to their needs.

Tortomasi said she would like to see comparison data from previous years included in the reports. Snow explained that because the system has constantly changed and evolved until this point, it would be challenging do a year-to-year comparison. Eventually it will be possible when changes stabilize. Staff is constantly tweaking reports to make them more consistent. It is important to capture the appropriate data.

Morris said report #4 refers to incidents at private residences. What is that referring to? McDonald said that would be a threat to a judicial officer at their private residence. Morris asked if reports are available on the jail and Huber facilities? McDonald said those facilities are not included in this database. Morris said the report shows 55 incidents at the Juvenile Center. How would one find out what kind of threats occurred? Snow said a business query tool or crystal reports along with the incident report number provided by this database would be used to get specific details. Morris asked is there is lag time between incidents and reports. Tremaine said there may be a delay but not much.

MOTION: Decker moved, Wolff second, to adjourn at 10 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary